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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Response to Amendment

The reply filed on November 14, 2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the response fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.121. Although the applicant has indicated that the language referring to the marked up copy of the changes to the abstract in the response of August 12, 2002 should not have referred to a marked up copy, the applicant is still required to provide a marked up copy of the changes to the abstract under 37 CFR 1.121. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gregory J. Strimbu whose telephone number is 703-305-3979. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:00 to 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel P. Stodola can be reached on 703-308-2686. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-305-3597 for regular communications and 703-305-3597 for After Final communications.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-2168.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregory J. Strimbu", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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